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## TM ASKS LEGISLATURE FOR DREDGING OF IPSWICH

Town Manager Joseph F. Courtney has submitted a bill to the State Legislature, through the office of Representative Frank Tanner of Reading, asking that the Ipswich River be dredged or other wise improved, to permit adequate drainage and reclamation of the swamp lands in Wilmington, North Reading and Reading.

As the TM has explained his bill to the Board of Selectmen, this is designed to be available to the Legislature in connection with the report of the Survey of the Ipswich River, which is to be released on December First. The release date, December First, is later than the date for filing bills for consideration by this year's session of the Legislature, - all bills being required to be filed before the session begins, on Dec. 1st. Representative Tanner filed his bill Monday, in the State House, Courtney said.

Courtney, Monday night, told the Selectmen that the Selectmen of Reading were interested, and he believed there would be a similar response in North Reading. He understood that no funds from Chapter 91 (the "waterways" act) could be used on such a project, because such funds cannot be used in conjunction with any town funds for work outside the municipality. The question of funds would have to be solved at a joint meeting of the Ways and Means Committees of the two branches of the Legislature, and Courtney expressed the hope that "as many people as possible" be at that meeting, from all three towns.

In addition, Courtney said that the Selectmen of the three towns should make a petition to the Governor of the Commonwealth (Governor Herter) on a basis that such work would allow much valuable land to be reclaimed by the three towns.

Another factor that Courtney mentioned was that if this drainage were completed before Route 28 were to be constructed there could possibly be a considerable savings in cost for the route.

### Other Bills Filed

Courtney filed four other bills, with the present session, and expressed the hope that he would have time to file several others. He didn't place too much hope in successful passage of any of the bills, but said that all would be of benefit to small towns in the Commonwealth. One of the bills reads: "To authorize and direct the Department of Public Works to assist Cities and Towns of less than twenty-five thousand population in the preparation and development of preliminary plans and sufficient

to cover the cost of preparation of said plans and specifications; said funds to be reimbursed to the Commonwealth within one year of the completion of any given project."

The idea behind this, Courtney told the Selectmen, was to enable towns and small cities to prepare plans for sewerage development, street development, etc., and then re-imburse the state after they had completed the work proposed.

Another bill reads: "To authorize and direct the Department of Commerce to establish a Division of Local Development for the purpose of providing direct assistance to Cities and Towns under twenty-five thousand population in the preparation and administration of Master Plans for local economic development."

Behind this, Courtney explained briefly, is "small towns are strapped for money."

The fourth bill filed reads: "To strike out paragraph (2) of section 81-R of Chapter 41, G.L."

Mrs. Drew asked immediately: "What is that?" and the TM told the Board that the section he wanted stricken is the provision that exempts Industrial Developments from the control of local Planning Boards. At the present time he said, the law specifically exempts industrial developments, and he thought this to be wrong.

The last bill filed reads: To authorize and direct the Department of Commerce to assist Cities or Towns of less than 25,000 population in the preparation of Master plans for economic development by the allocation of funds for said purpose not to exceed fifty percent of the estimated cost of preparation.

### Other Business

The Board met for thirty minutes in Executive Session.

### Fairmeadow Road

Messrs William Berry, Nick Femia and Edward Silva of the Shawheen Avenue Betterment Association spent over an hour with the board, discussing problems in their area.

They told Selectmen that they had run into a snag in getting signatures on "releases" for land abutting Fairmeadow Road, which they want to have accepted by the town in the March Town Meeting. As Femia expressed it "Somebody put a bug in the ear of the town there". The trouble stemmed from the fact that there is a ledge which has to be blasted, on Fairmeadow Road, and the residents were afraid of possible damage. The "release", when signed holds the town blameless for any damage which may be caused in constructing the street.

Silva related that he had been talking with the developer, who apparently had disclaimed responsibility, and Barry said that the

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### CHRISTMAS LIGHTING FUND SWELLS TO \$570

The Christmas Decoration Fund, for Wilmington Square has reached a total of \$570. The committee in charge is after a total of \$1000.

The committee plans to buy fixtures for the decoration of the business section of Wilmington, from the Laundromat to the Weinberg Department store, and decorate each Christmas. The purpose of buying rather than of renting the electrical fixtures has been stressed by the committee, with an eye to economy in the future.

Contributors to date include Altman's Inc.; Fred F. Cain; Tony's Doughnut Shop; Bob Michleson's Shoecraft Shop; Weinberg's; Tony's Paper Store; Bress's 5 & 10; Wilmington Grain and Building Materials Co.; Church Street Hardware; Woodside's Drug Store; Poole's Bakery; Durkee's Barber Shop; Gildart Chevrolet Company; Wilmington Cleaners; Capitol Distributors of Andover; Coomb's Furniture Store; First National Stores; Narragansett Beer Co.; Phoenix Spring Beverage Co.; Louies Oil Company; Wilmington Coal and Oil Co.; William Rich; Dr. F. Chernoff; Dr. S. Filipek; Ernest Scarappa; George The Tailor; Forest Dame's Garage; Roy's Department Store; George Spinos; the Rotary Club and the Wilmington Crusader.

Chairman of the committee is Lt. George Cushing. Donations may be left at the Shoecraft Shop.

### VANDALISM ON FOREST STREET

A cottage, off Forest street, and near Burlington avenue has been reported as damaged by vandalism, with damages estimated at about \$75. Windows and sash were broken, sometime since last Friday night. Owner is Frank Linehan, of 292 Summer Avenue, Reading.

### ESCAPES INJURY IN CRASH AND FIRE

George M. Forrest, 82 Warren Street, Roxbury escaped unscathed even though his car was a total loss, after a crash and fire late Monday night. Forrest fell asleep, while driving towards North Reading, on Salem Street, at about 11 p.m., and his car went off the road, on the north side, at about the point where the high-voltage transmission lines cross. His car landed in a gully, and then caught fire. It was completely burned.

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### WILMINGTON CHAMPIONS TO SKATE IN WORCESTER SATURDAY

Quite a crowd of Wilmington skating enthusiasts are expected to be in Worcester on Saturday evening, to attend the Worcester Ice Carnival, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Worcester Skating Arena.

According to the advertisements which are appearing, the feature attraction will be Miss Tenley Albright, 1953 World Champion Figure Skater, but the Wilmington fans will have their eyes on their own champions, who will also be taking part.

Leading the list of Wilmington Skaters will be Mrs. Janet Backman Tighe, holder of three North American Speed Skating Records, in the Senior Women's Division. Mrs. Tighe holds records which have never been beaten in North America in the 440 yard, 880 yard and 1/2 mile classes. This is believed to be her first time to appear in public in the past several years.

Also appearing will be Jean (our Jeanie) Ashworth, of Church street, holder of six North American records, and one of the finest and flashiest skaters all. Miss Ashworth established 10 records as a Midget skater, 10 or 12 years ago, went on to establish three North American Records while in the Juvenile Class, and has the record at present in the Junior Class for the 330 yard distance. She was recently awarded her Gold Certificate from the Amateur Skating Union (of North America) attesting to this last record.

Completing the Wilmington team will be three youngsters, none of whom have a North American Record to claim, but all of whom are showing fine promise on steel blades, Jackie Ashworth, Clyde McKaba and Mike Weinberg, all members of the Wilmington Skating Club.

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### BOARD OF APPEALS GRANTS VARIANCE IN NORTH WILMINGTON

The Board of Appeals, on Nov. 23rd., granted a variance on lot lines, for four house lots in the Signore development in North Wilmington. The lots were all of 22,500 square feet or over, but some did not have the dimensions as required by the new Zoning Laws.

Anthony Signore, appearing for himself, told the Board that the lots were so planned so as to allow for an additional entrance into Elmwood Village. The additional entrance will be located between the two first homes built there, and will eventually end on Ballardvale Road. It will be 55 feet wide, and was requested by the Wilmington Planning Board, and the Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department.

There were no opponents at the hearing.

### 1955 NUMBER PLATES

With the largest registration of motor vehicles this year in the life of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and with all signs pointing to an increased registration for 1955, we urge motorists to go to their nearest branch offices and get their 1955 number plates over the counter in preference to mailing their applications to the main office.

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## HOW TO HAVE YOUR PIE AND EAT IT

TM Joe Courtney, last week, came out and said something that has nearly been said on a number of occasions, during the past few years. Our TM told the Selectmen that he would recommend Betterments, for streets and for installation of water mains.

What Joe told the Selectmen was the same thing that Dean Cushing almost did, on a number of occasions. The only reason that Dean never actually arrived at the point was that he was too busy doing other things to have the time to study the problems involved. Cushing had made a suggestion to the residents of Hathaway Acres that they use something like the Betterment Act, in solving a problem in their community. Now Courtney has come out and made the same suggestion, in stronger terms, for the entire town.

Of course there will be people who don't like the idea. Of course there will be opposition.

The financial picture of this town isn't too widely realized. We had a group, two years ago, who thought the world was all rosy, and they gave us a \$46 tax rate, a tax rate that we were supposed to believe was going to last forever, or even get smaller. We learned, to our surprise, next year, that it wasn't quite so rosy, and what an error that tax rate was.

Now Courtney is trying to hold the tax rate at \$56. He thinks he can. We have our doubts.

We have recently built a new school, and a new fire station. Just before that we built a new high school, and now we are adding the last of that building. We have contracted with our selves to build a second pumping station.

All of these things cost money, and we will be paying for them, for years to come. At about the time that we voted for the Wildwood School we were told by Dean that the taxes from the New England Gas Company would pay for the school. Everything looked rosy, but where the New England Gas was to locate is just an empty field, and the bill has meanwhile become due.

During the past summer a graduate student of Boston University, at the behest of our Town Manager, worked out a schedule of finances for this town, projecting his data until 1960. This schedule, which is based on present and past figures, shows that in 1956 the town will have a total of \$6,000 for capital outlay, after the bills have been paid. We do not necessarily agree with the figures, but we are told that the work is conservative. The point is whether we have \$6,000 or twice that amount, we will be very busy paying for schools, and fire stations, in 1956, and that there won't be much money available for other projects.

So, the citizen will say—we will just go easy that year. We will spend only \$6,000 in capital outlays. Instead of paying out \$30,000 for water extensions, and \$15,000 for new roads, we will just spend the \$6,000 and be happy!

But, 1956 is the year that we will have to start building another school, according to the present figures of the Additional School Accommodations Committee. Our future is already mortgaged to the hilt. What are we going to do to build that school? \$6,000 won't go far, and borrowing money won't be easy. Remember, the Wildwood School cost us over \$600,000, and we will be paying for that for some years.

In other words, if we are to provide for the future education of our children we will have to do something to improve our finances, by 1956. What can we do?

There are a lot of things we can do. Some are practical, and some in the line of wishes. There are two principal lines of approach:

One: Get more money.

Two: Spend less money.

That is how to have your pie and eat it. We can get more money, or we can spend less money, or we can do both. Getting more money means more taxes. Spending less money means just what it says.

And that's why the TM wants Betterments.

## BETTERMENTS

What is a Betterment? TM Joe Courtney has told the Selectmen that he will recommend Betterments, at the annual Town Meeting next March. Just what are they?

Betterments are a plan whereby a given street or neighborhood can have improvements, with the town or city paying half the cost, and the people affected paying the other half. Thus, if the people of a street in one of the suburban Boston towns want to have sewerage extended to them, they can have it by paying half. If the project costs \$4,000, the town or city will pay \$2,000 and the other half will be paid by the residents of the street involved. If 10 taxpayers live on the street each person will pay \$200. If there are 20 each will pay \$100.

They can pay directly, in one lump sum, or they can extend the payment to last over 20 years, in which case there will be interest charges, as well. \$200 over 20 years means that with 10 taxpayers, they will be paying \$10 a year, plus interest, along with the regular tax bill.

Betterments constitute a lien on the property, just as do taxes, and must be paid by the current holder of the property, whether or not he agreed to it in the first place. In other words, once the Betterment has been assessed it must be paid, with the only option being whether to pay in a lump sum, or over a period of years.

It has been a foregone conclusion that if we ever installed a sewerage system it would be extended by means of Betterments. What is surprising to some people that it can also be extended for street improvements, and, presumably, for water extensions.

That's the point where we expect some people will be howling in loud tones. We think there will be plenty said, in the Town Meeting, if the TM goes through with his plans. That, plus a few other things on the books, gives us a promise that the March Town Meeting will be a truly hot meeting!

## THE MERIT PLAN

BY REGISTRAR RUDOLPH KING

During the discussion of the proposed Merit Plan legislation in the 1953 session of the Great and General Court, as Registrar of Motor Vehicles I stated before all committees interested in the Merit Plan that in my opinion the cost of that portion of the plan that was to be administered by the Registry of Motor Vehicles—in other words the Point System—would cost approximately \$300,000 a year, and I have no reason at this time to change this estimate. Please bear in mind that this money does not come from direct taxation, it is a very small part of the fees paid by the motoring public (Total fees from licenses and registrations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, was approximately 19 and a half million dollars.)

It is worthy of note that the increased revenue from more motor vehicle registrations and operators' licenses in 1954 alone was several times greater than the expense of the Massachusetts Point System for the same period.

In setting up the Point System, which went into effect January 1, 1954, we absorbed into the Point System a great deal of the work load that was being done previous to the initiation of the Point System, such as processing of court abstracts, violations of all kinds, equipment tags, overloading, personal injury accident reports, etc.

Furthermore, all cases have to be studied and processed completely even though the final decisions may not bring any penalties, such as suspensions or revocations or point assessments.

In the early stages of the Point System we purchased some material for the entire year and even longer. We also had to purchase some equipment that will be permanent. The change in the law requiring the reporting of property damage accidents over \$100, has increased our work load. Men of experience know that whether in state government or private industry, after the first year of a new enterprise one is able to cut unit costs and the personnel is more experienced to carry out their duties. The Point System administration will undoubtedly follow this pattern.

I think it also well to call this fact to the attention of the public, that while there has been an increase in the number of personal injury accidents reported, two things, in my opinion, have brought this about:

1. A penalty of points for not reporting.
2. Our highest increase in accidents came in January, 1954, the first month of the Point System, because of the unusual weather conditions, that existed when for several weeks we had slippery, icy roads, and foggy weather, which resulted in a larger number of accidents. It is of great importance to recognize that the number of persons injured per accident has dropped seven and a half per cent from last year.

It is also worthy to note that Massachusetts with more registered automobiles and more licensed operators than Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and one-half of Connecticut added together, and with 61,000 more automobiles registered this year than last, and 35,000 more licensed operators than a year ago, driving half a billion more miles, in the first ten months of this year has had fewer fatalities, and at the present time has the lowest fatality rate in its history, and the second lowest death rate in the nation.

In America we are taught that most precious possession we have is life itself, and when we stop and think of the millions of dollars spent to build safer highways, and to mark and light them—when we think of the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent to patrol our highways so people can walk and ride in greater safety—when we think of the millions of dollars spent by hospitals in research to save human lives, and the hours spent and efforts made by doctors and nurses to save one human life—when we think of the money spent for hygiene and public health and all other safety measures—can we not spend this small amount to save someone from a highway tragedy?

If the Point System that has been added to our safety program has helped to save even one human life, who is there to say this money has not been well spent?

Ed Note: The above argument, by Rudolph King, Registrar of Motor Vehicles is printed in its entirety, because of the position this paper took last January. We are happy to be able to print this, even though it was not specifically written for this paper, and even though we do not agree with it entirely. We still believe that rewards for good driving is more fair than penalties for accidents.

## ASSESSOR EXPLAINS EXCISE TAX PROCEDURE

Did you sell your old car in 1954?

Did you buy another?

Then you probably received 2 excise tax bills. (If you didn't, we made a mistake). You were probably surprised by that second bill, figuring that your excise tax had been paid once, and you were ready to tear the Town Hall apart.

Don't blame the assessors for what was an apparent mix-up. Briefly - you will get an excise tax bill for every car you register during the year.

How does this work? When you, along with two million other car owners, register your car in January, the Registry of Motor Vehicles make out a card for excise tax purposes and sends it along to the department of Corporations and Taxations, there these cards are sorted, assessments are made, and sent out to various cities and towns. This is a long, tedious project and not all the cards go out at one time.

Some car owners complain that while they may have registered or purchased as early as of January they are just receiving their bills. As outlined above, not all the cards go out at one time. In the meantime, many of those who did register early decide to sell or trade, and in doing so register another car. That makes two registrations and two bills.

Now let's take hypothetical case. Where you register your old car in January and trade in March.

Your new car is registered and the old one sold. The data once more is channeled to the tax Commissioner's office and then to the Town Hall, there are now 2 cards in your name, somewhere in the works, your old car registered in January and your new car registered in March. Now there would

be no difficulty if we could pick out your January registration, which is some where enroute, and pro rate it. But picking that one out of two million is impossible. So it continues on its way. Your new registration is sent along through slightly different channels and may (and usually does) reach us long before your Jan. registration.

I might add that your new registration is figured for tax purposes according to the date of registration. That is, if registered in March you are billed from March to December, and not for a full year. So you pay only for the months the new car is on the road. The car you registered in Jan. however, and sold during the year, is billed to you for the whole year. Remember, there was no way to cancel it enroute. You get 2 bills, and that's when you light on the assessor's office ready to do battle.

As we said, there would be no trouble if your registration could have been intercepted enroute and prorated. That couldn't be done so it followed the regular channels.

When we received it we had no way of knowing that you bought a new car. So we send out a bill for each and every card we receive from the State, and that's why you get 2 bills.

But, let's not stop here. Remember, your January registration

was figured, (by the State) on the basis of a full year, and since you sold during the year, you are entitled to a rebate or abatement. Now, all you have to do is make out your application and we take care of the rest.

Your application relates not to the new car you bought in March. Remember, that was pro-rated, but to the car you registered in January and then sold and which was billed to you for the full year.

One word of caution. The Law allows you to apply any time within 6 months of the date you get your notice. Your bill is your notice, but in no event can you apply after January 31st of the succeeding year.

Abatement can be granted only in the case of over value by the Tax Commission or sale or transfer of your motor vehicle, and no abatement can reduce the tax to less than \$2.00.

The assessment, or value placed on your bill, is figured according to statute which sets up the following formula. 90% of manuf. list price for the current year, 60% of manuf. list price for the second year, 40% for the third year, 25% for the fourth year, and no less than 10% for each year thereafter.

Those who register a 1955 vehicle in the last quarter of 1954 are assessed at 50% for 1954, and then in 1955 it follows the regular formula.

Your tax bill is due and payable within 30 days from date of issue.

If the bill has been paid by you and then you file your application, you will receive a refund check from the Town.

If it has not been paid and you receive a notice of abatement, you should present the bill and the abatement to the collector and pay the balance due.

Your Town is interested in receiving only its just share and no more. Fair enough?

## SLBA MEETS MONDAY FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday evening Dec. 6th, the regular meeting of the Silver Lake Betterment Association, Inc. will be held with Pres. James Shine presiding. A guest speaker on Betterment activities is expected to be present; a question period will follow. After the meeting the annual Xmas party will take place with a luncheon being served by Mrs. John Imbimbo and committee; exchanging of gifts and social is the feature of the evening.

On Sunday Dec. 19, the annual Xmas party for members children of the S.L.B.A. is to take place at the Betterment hall from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. Santa Claus is to distribute gifts to the children and a luncheon will be served. Mrs. Charles Baldwin will be assisted by a large committee.

## ST. DOROTHY'S NEWS

Rev. Joseph Leahy, pastor of St. Dorothy Parish and Ernest Crispo general chairman of the turkey whist held recently in aid of the parish fund sincerely thank the committee, parishioners and friends for the grand success of the party. The complete turkey dinner donated by Ernest Crispo and family went to Mrs. Dolly O'Connell, the Mahogany night table went to Mr. John Gaudett of Chelsea, the electric Presto Deep fryer to Miss Christine Riley, Harper and the \$5.00 door prize to Mrs. Karl Powers.

Friday evening Dec. 10, St. Dorothy's Christmas Gift card party will be held at the Silver Lake Betterment hall; with Mrs. George Boylen, Mrs. Charles Baldwin, Mrs. William Tattersall, Mrs. Paul Lynch, Mrs. Frank Leverone, Mrs. Leonard Chisholm, Mrs. Irene Campos, Mrs. Patrick Rooney and Miss Christine Riley in charge. Mrs. Jeremiah Mackey is in charge of the books. Many gifts suitable for Xmas have been donated; the public is invited and refreshments are to be served.

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## SOUTH OF THE RIVER

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At the second meeting of the Shawsheen School PTA, the following officers were elected:— President, Mr. Walter Merrick; Vice President, Mrs. Frank David; Secretary, Miss Kathleen Mangan; and Treasurer, Mr. John Shannon. At this same meeting, the by-laws were passed.

At a Thanksgiving day wedding, Miss Barbara A. Hardy and Melvin F. Reed were joined in marriage at the South Tewksbury Methodist Church. Miss Hardy was attended by Miss Claire Lizotte, and her father, Mr. Ralph Hardy gave her away. The bride's brother, Mr. Stanley Hardy was best man for Mr.

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Oregon Conference of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Earl Haywood, of Lexington, spoke to the World Friendship Group, of the South Tewksbury Methodist Church, on Saturday evening, November 27th. Refreshments were served to the group by the hostesses, Shirley and Barbara O'Connell.

South Tewksbury Methodist Church announces the following services and activities during the coming week. Thursday, Commission on Finance meets at the home of Mrs. G. M. Palmer, chairman, 33 Mystic avenue, at 8:30 p.m. The budget for the next year is to be discussed. Friday, Methodist Boy's Club, for all boys of the church in the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, the Caroler's Choir will meet at the church at 2:30 to go to the Centralville Methodist Church for rehearsal for the Ecumenical Festival being held in Lowell on December 11th. The members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet to go out and solicit orders for Christmas wreaths on Saturday afternoon. The Methodist Fellowship Group will sponsor a ham and bean supper at the church that evening. Sunday, morning worship at 8:45 and 11 a.m., Church School at 9:45 a.m., for children of the first grade and up. Church school for preschool children at 11 a.m. MYF Girls' Choir, at 3:30 p.m. MYF at 4:30 p.m. Evening worship at 7 p.m. and Lantern Club at 8:30 p.m. Monday evening, at 8:00 the Commission on Membership and evangelism will meet at the parsonage, and on Tuesday evening, the Methodist Men's Club will meet. Wednesday, at 3:15, Caroler's Choir, and at 6:30 p.m. Methodist Girl's Club, and at 7:00 Chancel Choir rehearsal.

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Tom O'Hare	90.9
John Murphy	89.2

### WINTER SPORTS STARTING AT HIGH SCHOOL

Football is now a thing of the past, as far as Wilmington's High School students are concerned, as they prepare for the winter sport season. Paramount of course, in winter sports, is basketball, and this year finds the Wilmington team with a home court, on which to practice, if not to play games. The gymnasium of the Wildwood School sports a full sized court, the first in Wilmington, even if there is no room for spectators. As yet there is no backboard, behind the hoops, but that is a matter that is expected to be settled shortly.

Coach this year is Jack Hamilton, of the High School faculty, and the first practice session was held Monday afternoon, with a total of 17 candidates to date. More can be expected to show interest in the next few days. Of the 17 who have so far reported 8 played last year, so that Hamilton has a core around which to build his team. Last year's players who have reported include Francis Kehoe, Charlie Rounds, Fred Thorpe, Ronald Lambert, Francis Stone, Jimmy Marsi and Gerry Maloney.

Sharing time, on the practice court at the Wildwood School will be a much larger group of girls, under Miss Mary Welling, also of the High School faculty. About 50 girls have reported, anxious to play and repeat last year's performance. Practice is slated to start Thursday. Among some of the keynoters of last year who have reported are Patty Bennett, Jackie Ashworth, Sandra Harris, Sheila Hoban and Lucille Cavall-

aro. Miss Welling has a pretty good reputation as a coach, and the girls are confident of a good season.

Coach Connie O'Doherty, of the Football squad is now turning his eye to hockey, a game in which Wilmington did not seem to excel last year. He has his troubles, to be sure, troubles to which the Wilmington Skating Club can bear eloquent testimony, for he has to use their rink for practice, and, at the Skating Club it all depends on the weather. The rink, which is exactly the same size as the rink in Boston Garden, is an open one, subject to all the vagaries of either warm spells or snow storms. The Wilmington Skating Club has been able to produce a number of North American Champions, from this rink, so that Connie has, at least, an inspiration from which to start.

The first practice session for the skating squad will be Thursday, sans skates. With no ice it will be, perforce, a "skull" session.

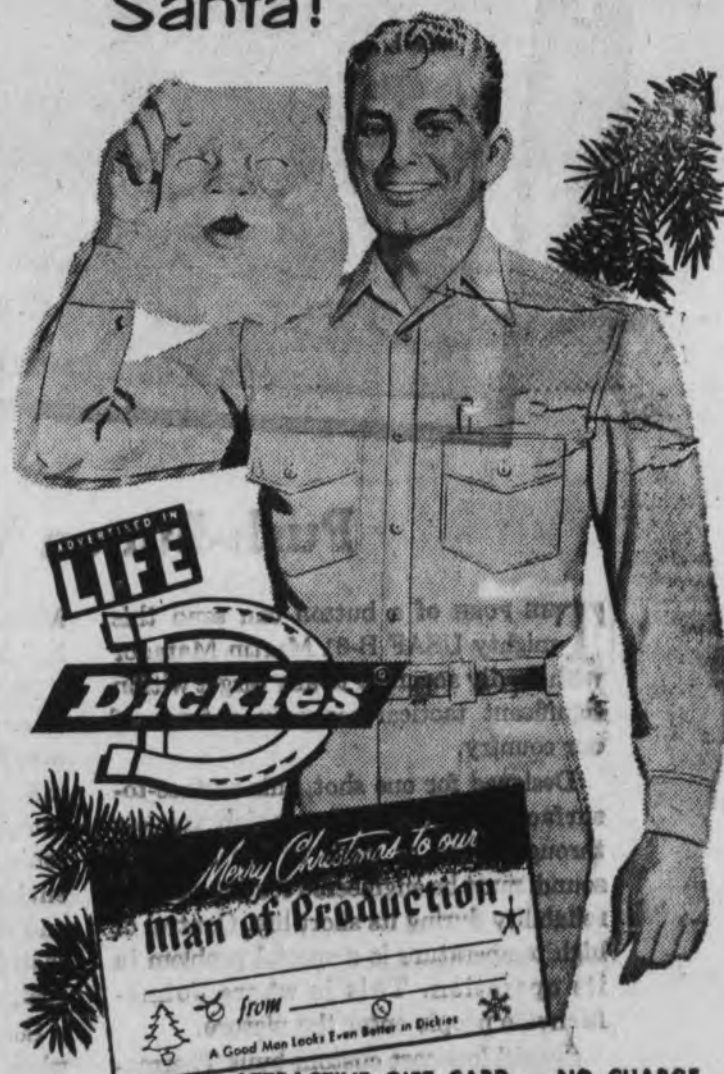
23 players have reported, with more than half a dozen of last years players, including Andy Pupa, Dick Leavitt, Tony Tessicini, Jay Palmer, Jimmy Reid, Jim Gass, Doug Anderson, Felix Fortunata, Robert Swanson and Gerry Galvin.

No schedule has been made up yet, but O'Doherty is hopeful of getting games with Woburn, Winchester, Lynn Classical, Andover Academy JVs, Burlington, and perhaps Saugus.

### HOUSE BREAK ON ST. PAUL STREET

A table radio valued at \$20 and a television set valued at \$60 are missing from a cottage at 126 St. Paul street. Thieves had entered the building by forcing a window on the rear porch. Owner of the cottage is John Donovan of 38 Forrest Street, Roxbury.

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# TM ASKS LEGISLATURE FOR DREDGING OF IPSWICH RIVER

(Continued from page 1.)

Superintendent of Highways reported to the contrary. Barry also reported that the Superintendent had said he wouldn't sign, under the circumstances, if a house, were his house, because this house was on the same ledge. The gentleman wanted to know who was the responsible person.

Selectman E. Haywood Bliss told the group that the "form is used everywhere." "Streets have been held up for several years because residents wouldn't sign". Mrs. Drew reminded the men that they had "only one more day to it" or the street couldn't be accepted this year. Barry told the Selectmen that the people still had to consult their banks, and that they couldn't be ready in much less than a week. The selectmen

were willing to extend the time for this street, for the additional week, but the three men felt that they couldn't accomplish the work anyway.

Bliss pointed out that only men who are licensed blasters are used by the town, and he believed that they were bonded. He felt that there was very little chance of damage to the house in question but of course I cannot guarantee it."

## Nichols Street Bridge

Also discussed was the Nichols Street Bridge, over the B&M RR tracks. Everyone agreed that it was narrow. TM Courtney said that "I closed my eyes when I went over it last Saturday." The group were told that there wasn't much could be done, but that it was a joint problem of the Department of Public Utilities, in the State House, and the Boston and

Maine Railroad. Courtney told them that the railroad "looks in the other direction when you talk bridges."

## Hopkins Street

The men also discussed the "lake" on Hopkins street with the Board. From the conversation it was apparent that TM Courtney had been discussing the problem with Berry Friday evening. The TM told the group, and the Selectmen, that Mr. Alden Eames, a registered surveyor, is staking the area, to make a plan of the street, and elevations, and that before any decision could be made he wanted to have that plan. He believed that the best answer would be a culvert and drain, and to this the three men suggested that instead the street be filled to the same level as adjoining property, so that no drain would be involved. The discussion lasted quite a while,

and was finished with Courtney saying: "I am not going to jump into this thing—any action will be only after the survey has been completed."

## Bliss Makes Motion

After the men had left Selectman Bliss moved that the Board of Selectmen establish a policy that people who want to see the Board of Selectmen on routine problems should first take it up with the TM, and the Board should take it up only on appointment, next week, if necessary. Mrs. Drew: "I don't go along with people coming down and being turned away."

Bliss explained that "no rule is hard and fast" and after some discussion the motion was made to read:

"That this Board establish a rule that matters for hearings before the Board of Selectmen must have been referred to the Town Manager before a hearing is granted, and that a request for a hearing must be submitted to the Board at least one meeting prior to the time granted for the hearing, except in cases where the Board by a majority vote may suspend this rule." This was voted, after which Bliss commented "Save time for the people, for the TM and for the Board."

## NET&T Petition

A letter was received from James M. Cushing, secretary of the Department of Public Utilities, notifying the Board of a hearing in the State House on December 15th on a petition by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for an increase in rates.

Selectman Charles Black, who had to leave at 10:30 had written a note on this letter that the Town Counsel should oppose the petition, on the grounds that the NET&T had recently had an increase in Wilmington, at the time when the telephone exchange was changed in name to OLiver.

This was approved by the Selectmen, who then started to discuss the service into Wilmington, from other places. Each of the Board related instances when telephone calls were unable to get into Wilmington, and expressed opinions that "something was wrong with the exchange."

## TM's Report

### Building Booming

Courtney told the Selectmen that Wilmington was exceeding the building of the previous year, in homes in Wilmington. Up to the present, (and specifically excluding the new addition to the high school) Wilmington's building permits were about \$118 thousand ahead of the same time last year.

### North Reading Zoning

The Town of North Reading had a special Town Meeting last week, for the purpose of trying to increase lot sizes to 25 thousand feet, the TM said. The town turned down the proposal.

### Reading Light Co.

Courtney reported that there had been a very pleasant meeting with the Reading Electric Light Board, last Friday night, and that they had agreed to give priority to checking poles, crossarms and wires in Wilmington for the next few months. They wanted to have their wires tighter, to prevent contacts, which would cause short circuits, and they were concerned because of danger from falling branches. Courtney stated that he had promised "all assistance" possible with the problem. It was explained that since the sub-station had been installed on Wildwood Street the situation was such that a falling branch would "burn" the wires. Previously there would be a "kickout" which would prevent such an incident.

The Reading Light Board thought that they would be able to take care of any power problem in Wilmington for "any development foreseeable."

### Horses

Courtney related that an instance had come to his notice in which a family was keeping horses in a two car garage, to which the Buzzell had given him a verbal

neighbors objected. Town Counsel opinion that this was not contrary to the Zoning Laws, so that Courtney was of the opinion that the only board in Town that could do anything about it was the Board of Health. He was told that there had been some restrictions on the land in the neighborhood, in Deeds of Conveyance, but this had no bearing from the town standpoint.

## Capital Outlay Planning

Courtney reported the formation of a committee, with no official status, to assist him in planning Capital Outlays. He called it the Managers Advisory Committee on Capital Outlay Planning, which E. Hayward Bliss promptly dubbed MACCOP.

Named to the Committee were John Hayward, a member of the Finance Committee, Waldo Stevens, of the Water Board, Robert Robinson of the Planning Board, and Larz Neilson. Courtney hoped to name some other persons to the board, as well. He and John Collins, Superintendent of Schools would serve in ex-officio capacities, he said, and he expressed himself as being "very satisfied with the group I have."

## Park Care

The meeting ended with a discussion of care of Parks, in Wilmington, a long discussion which reviewed past history, and actually arrived at no decision. Courtney indicated that he had several possible answers, one being to make the Cemetery Commissioners also Park Commissioners, and another possibility being to create a separate Park Commission. Bliss spoke more on the problem than the other selectmen, and his advice was to combine Parks and Cemeteries, together with care of lawns in schools as one function.

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The new building will be a single story, with a showroom in the front, to the right as viewed from the street. It will be of cinder block construction, with a truss roof, covered with corrugated aluminum. There will be four doors for trucks, each 12 feet by 12 feet in size. In the front of the building, in the showroom, will be two

plate glass windows 10 feet high and 13 feet long. A small office will be located off the showroom. Costs of the new building have been estimated at \$25 to \$30 thousand. Overall size will be 65 feet wide and 113 feet long.

**SAFETY ENGINEER TO TALK TO ADULT DRIVING CLASS**

Mr. George S. Perry, a safety engineer representing the Casualty Insurance Companies Serving Massachusetts, will speak before the Adult Driver Training class at Wilmington High School, Tuesday evening, December 7 at 7 o'clock. Mr. Perry will discuss the operation of the Massachusetts compulsory motor vehicle insurance law along with the Governor's Highway Safety Program which includes the age and use classification plan and the demerit rating system.

Mr. Perry is secretary of the Massachusetts Safety Council.

**ST. DOROTHY'S NEWS**

**Masses:**  
At St. Mary's 7, 8:30, 10:30, and 11:30.

At Silver Lake 8:45 and 11:00.

**Novena:**  
Monday evenings at 7:45 in honor of the Blessed Mother.

**Confessions:**  
At Silver Lake every Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

At St. Mary's every Saturday

afternoon at 4:15 and 7:30 in the evening.

**Prayers:**

For all the sick of the parish. Also for Candida Hartmann, Christine McVane, John, James, Wilfred and Henry Fitzgerald.

**First Friday:**

This week. Morning MASS at 7 o'clock. Confessions Thursday Eve at 7:30. We are leaving some leaflets at the rear of the church for those interested in the League on the Sacred Heart. Take one. Each month there is a special intention for whom the Holy Father wishes us to pray.

Saturday is Fatima Day. Mass at 8 o'clock. Remember the promises of the Blessed Mother to those who receive communion for five of these consecutive Saturdays.

Girls choir rehearsal on Tuesday and Wednesday at 3:30. Boys on Thursday at 4 o'clock.

We are grateful to all who brought clothing for the needy.

Those who wish to make an Advent wreath to mark the observance of the Advent may find directions at the rear of the church. This is a beautiful custom in preparation for Christmas.

Candidates for the girls basketball team C.Y.O. ages 16 to 20 kindly contact Janet Donoghue on Mystic Ave.

**NEW COFFEE AND DOUGHNUT SHOP TO OPEN SOON.**

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Joannides, proprietors of the Country Style Do-Nut shop, are planning to open a Coffee Shop in their establishment very soon.

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The shop will be open at six o'clock every morning for those who would like fresh hot coffee and doughnuts before going to work. Mrs. Wilma Aberl will be on hand to see that the customers will get good service at all times.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

**PROBATE COURT.**

To all persons interested in the estate of Lou M. Harmon late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that Burton Winer of Greenfield in the County of Franklin or some other suitable person, be appointed administrator of said estate.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirteenth day of December 1954, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John C. Leggat, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

John J. Butler, Register.  
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This Board will hold a public hearing in the Wilmington Town Hall on Tuesday evening December 7, 1954, on the application of Mr. John Huwe Lot 45, 46 and 47, Concord Street, for the right to use a trailer as a temporary residence.

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**GUN SAFETY SCHOOL TO START SOON IN WAKEFIELD**

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With three locations for regional more to be arranged, the firearm safety course to be conducted by the Division of Law Enforcement should be set to start soon.

Schools are slated for Springfield, Worcester and Wakefield, with final arrangements in the Taunton area nearly complete, states Howard Willard, Director of the Division of Law Enforcement, Department of Natural Resources.

Some confusion exists relative to the law requiring that minors be qualified to receive hunting licenses. Actually, the law as passed during last year's session of the legislature provided three separate ways in which minors (between the ages of 15 and 18) could qualify. However, the law does not take effect until January one, 1955, so minors at the moment require only written permission from parent or guardian.

In order to buy a hunting license for 1955, however, the law on point between the ages of 15 and 18 must not only produce written permission from parent or guardian, but must also produce written evidence that he or she either (a) will be accompanied at all times, when hunting or on a target range, by a person 21 years of age or older, or (b) possessed a license in a prior year, or (c) has a certificate of competency with firearms. In short, minors will qualify for hunting licenses if they produce written permission, plus any of the three other qualifications named. Of course, they will have to be citizens of the United States and residents of Massachusetts for at least six months.

The firearm safety school which will award the certificates of competency is to include four one-hour periods of instruction in the safe handling of firearms, a test for color blindness and near-sightedness, a written test on the safe handling of firearms, and will require the applicant to learn the "Ten Commandments of Gun Safety." Aspiring young hunters will also have to write an essay of not more than 200 words on any one of the ten commandments of gun safety.

The Junior Conservation Camp will, in effect, be a fifth school next summer, when boys attending sessions there are given the opportunity to take further instruction on gun safety in addition to the rifle and shotgun classes which have been a part of the curriculum since the camp started in 1949.

Based on the National Rifle Association's gun safety program, and utilizing the ten commandments published by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufact-

urer's Institute, the Massachusetts program was evolved by a committee including Director Bob Johnson of the Division of Fisheries and Game, Howard Willard, Director, Division of Law Enforcement, Hank Foster of Wildlife Conservation, Inc., Kent Bulfinch, President of the Massachusetts Rifle and Pistol Association and Joe Brown, President, Mass. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

While hunting accidents are not the serious problem that reams of publicity often given them would seem to indicate (statistics show many other sports to be far more dangerous) even the relatively small number of accidents resulting from careless handling of firearms in and out of the field should be largely nullified in the future by this new course.

Applications from minors desiring to take the official course should be sent to Howard Willard, Director, Division of Law Enforcement, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.

**• TOWN NOTES •****WEATHER**

.69 inches of rain, in the form of fog, snow, sleet, rain and what will you. Winter is on its way, and even then we have had some nice days.

**SCALE**

Up in North Wilmington, across from the Postoffice, there used to be a wagon scale, used by Fred Eames, at about the turn of the century for weighing coal. Mr.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. PROBATE COURT.**

Middlesex, ss.

To all persons who are or may become interested and to all persons whose issue not now in being may become interested in the trust estate under the will of Teresa P. Lucuzzi late of Wilmington in said County, deceased, for the benefit of Francesco Perasso and others.

A petition has been presented to said Court by the trustee of said estate for authority to sell, either at public or private sale, certain real estate held by him as such trustee.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirteenth day of December 1954, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John C. Leggat, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

John J. Butler, Register.  
N-25-D-1-8

Eames had a coal yard in back of the railroad depot, some traces of which still exist. His wagon scale was, we believe, the second in Wilmington, the first being a town owned scale which stood on what is now part of Middlesex Avenue, near Glen Road, and in front of the present home of John Hayward.

The scale, unused for many years, presented a menace to the children of the town, and one of the Selectmen finally complained to the TM about it. We are now happy to record that it has been filled in, and no longer constitutes a menace. We only wish a few of the cellar holes which fill with water every spring could also be filled.

**DR. SHEPPARD**

The Congregational Church Choir, which has been led so expertly during the past several years, will apparently soon be in the market for another Choir Director. Dr. Robert Sheppard, the gentleman who has done such an excellent job with the choir will be moving to Walpole sometime in January. Dr. Sheppard, in his time away from the choir is a professor at Northeastern University. He will be sadly missed by the Congregationalists of Wilmington.

**SIGN**

We don't know just who is responsible, but the Methodist Church has a very attractive little sign, in the front yard, advertising the Church Fair which starts today. Very well designed.

**ST. DOROTHY'S**

We have been watching the site of what used to be Thompson's Grove, with interest, during the past few months. Sometime or other there will be a new church here, as many of our friends at Silver Lake can testify. Just now some of the trees in the front of the grove are being cut down, trees under which we played as a youngster. We don't know if there is any special significance attached to this cutting of trees.

**FOOTBALL BANQUET**

The name of the committee in charge of the Annual Football Banquet hasn't been announced yet, but we understand that Margaret Calnan is again in charge, and Vi Melzar is secretary. A certain "old man" is also understood to be active. The banquet is scheduled for January 8th.

**WATER**

This is the time of the year when the Wilmington Water Department always has easy pumping. No one bothers to water his lawn, for well understood reasons. This year is the easiest on record for some years, because now the North Reading Water Department is operating its full blast. We are just wondering what the picture will be next year, comes summer.

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Lumber, valued at about \$300, is missing from a house under construction on Park street, close to the North Reading line, according to a report to the Wilmington Police, dated Nov. 26th. Builder of the house is a Mr. Redmond of Reading.

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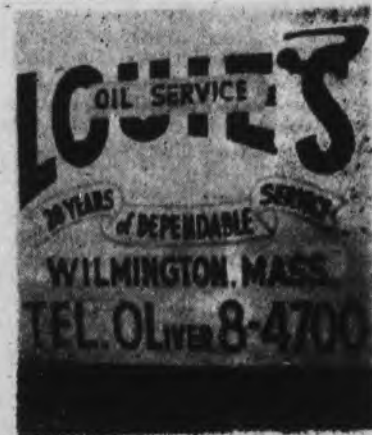
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mood the town crier called the folks together for the opening ceremony led by Mrs. Malcolm Butler, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Rev. Richard E. Harding. The supper tickets for the Wednesday night meal have been completely sold out, and it has been announced that there are still tickets available for the Ham dinner to be sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship on Thursday night. The all-church talent show will follow the Ham dinner in the upstairs vestry.

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Weekdays - 7:15 (except Tues. and Thurs.) and 7:45 A.M. Advent Wreath - Read your Bulletin, also you will find the complete prayers on the Bulletin Board.

#### Monday:

The Mass for all our benefactors will be offered at 7:15 A.M.

#### Thursday:

Confessions at 7:30 P.M. in preparation for First Friday.

#### Friday:

First Friday - Masses at 6 and 8 A.M. Holy Communion at 7:30 A.M. First Friday Devotions at 7:45 P.M. also Sodality.

#### Saturday:

Masses at 7:15 and 7:45 A.M. in honor of our Lady of Fatima. Devotions Saturday evening at 7:45 P.M.

#### Gratitude:

To the donors of the paper Drive last Sunday - the boys and men who collected and Mr. DeFelice for the loan of his trucks.

2. To Mr. Phelan and Mrs. Sudbury for their workmanship on the church property last week.

Collection today for the Catholic University - after Holy Communion.

#### Banns:

1. Joseph A. Belanger - Shirley M. Hamilton 2. William J. Manning - Mabel A. Libby 3. William Fabiano - Gloria Aylward.

#### Next Sunday:

Women Communion Day - Start of Triduum in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

#### Coming:

A Christmas Gift Whist will be sponsored by the CDA on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 8 P.M. at the Hall.

#### Prayers:

1. Our sick Anthony Waisnor who is seriously ill. 2. Our deceased Christine McVane.

### THE ADVENT WREATH

This week's Pilot tells the story of the Advent Wreath which has become increasingly popular these last years, and makes a worthy preparation for Christmas. The Advent Wreath is the Christian interpretation of the burning of the Yule fires. It is composed of evergreen surrounding four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, four purple ribbons, suspending it from the ceiling or trailing on the table, which represent the penance and sacrifice which should precede the coming of Christ.

Before lighting the candles, all other lights should be extinguished, signifying the darkness before the coming of Christ. The glow of the candles represents the grace coming from the Light of the World. Besides the prayers, the singing of carols can be added to the evening ceremony.

#### How to make an Advent Wreath:

1. Use a ring mold or the largest round cake pan you can find. 2. Place four tall candles equal distances apart. Stick the bases in little pools of candle drippings. 3. Midway between every two candles attach a purple ribbon long enough to drape on the table. Fasten with scotch tape. 4. Fill the mold 3/4 full of sand and add water to just below the surface of the sand. 5. Stick sprigs of greenery into the sand. Put in as many as you can and try to arrange them so that some hang down over the outside of the mold. 6. Each evening during Advent when the family gathers around the wreath for dinner, recite the prayers designated and light the candles as directed. The entire family should participate in the construction of the

wreath before the evening meal on the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent. The Father, or head of the household, leads the blessing with the following prayer: All: Who made heaven and earth. Father: Let us pray. O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth blessings upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces, through Christ our Lord.

### ST. THOMAS CHURCH REVIVES THE ADVENT WREATH

Parishioners of St. Thomas Church, in Wilmington, have revived an ancient custom, that of the lighting of the Advent Wreath. A custom which dates back some centuries, it has been becoming popular with the members of Wilmington's first Catholic Church, and is being observed more this year than ever before.

The Advent Wreath originated a few hundred years ago, in Central Europe, and it seems to have developed from one of the many light symbols used by the pre-Christian peoples, in their folk lore, in their celebration of the Yule month.

The Yule Month was celebrated by the ancient Germans and Scandinavians by many festivities, one of which was the use of a large wreath, with candles, for illumination at meals. In the 16th century somebody conceived the idea of using such lights as a religious symbol for the season of Advent, in the homes of faithful. The idea caught on rapidly, and spread among both the Catholics and protestants of Germany. From there it expanded all over Europe, and now has found its way to America.

The Advent Wreath is just what the names implies: A wreath of evergreen, made in various sizes, some as large as automobile tires, and some smaller than a plate. This wreath is either suspended from the ceiling, or laid on the table, usually in front of the family shrine, if there is one. Fastened to the wreath are four candles, standing upright, at equal distances. These candles represent the four weeks of Advent.

The whole family gathers every evening during Advent for a short but touching prayer service. During the first week of the holy season only one candle is lit. During the second week two candles burn, and so on, until in the last week all four candles are shedding their cheerful light to announce the coming of the Birthday of Our Lord.

A custom in Wilmington, in connection with the lighting of the wreath is to have the youngest of of the family light the candle, during the service in the first week, to have the oldest child light the candles during the second week, the mother of the family during the third week, and the father of the family during the fourth week.

An article from a Boston paper, posted in the back of St. Thomas Church, tells the parishioners of that church how to make an Advent Wreath.

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ers, and light the candles as directed.

The entire family should participate in the construction of the wreath before the evening meal on the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent, and candles should be left burning throughout the meal.

### JOHN CHINN PROMOTED IN NAVY

John Chinn, son of Lt. (ret) and Mrs. Henri Chinn of Belmont Avenue has been promoted to Electrician's Mate First Class on Nov. 16th., on board the USS Sabine, on which he is now serving. The

Sabine, now on the West Coast, is due to be laid up in the "mothball" fleet, shortly.

Chinn has until next February to serve, in his enlistment in the Navy. He plans to return to Tufts College, after leaving the Navy.

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## PROTESTANT YOUTH COUNCIL TO SPONSOR SATURDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Miss Louise Carnes, president of the Protestant Youth Council of the Wilmington Area Council of Protestant Churches, has announced that the first activity of the newly organized council will be a Saturday Night Fellowship, December 4, 8 p.m. in the new Wildwood Elementary School.

The feature of the evening will be square dancing led by Robert Banks, Conference Chairman of Christian Fellowship for the Methodist Youth Fellowship. All members of youth groups of the community have been cordially invited to attend. A charge of 35 cents per person is being asked to cover the expenses of the evening. Refreshments will be served at intermission time by the members of the youth council.

The adult advisors and ministers of the respective groups will chaperon the evening fellowship program.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION TO BE OBSERVED AT SUNDAY WORSHIP IN METHODIST CHURCH

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship services of the Wilmington Methodist Church on Sunday, December 5, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. The worship theme for the Advent Season was announced as "A Christians Christmas Lights" with emphasis on this second Sunday in Advent to be "The Light of Silence."

Familiar Christmas Carols will be sung during the service by the congregation. The Rev. Richard E. Harding will be assisted in the service by local preacher's William Campbell and Ariel Wood. The members of the senior High School class will be special guests at the 11 a.m. communion service.

## TURKEYS STOLEN

Two turkeys were apparently stolen from the store of Tom McQuaide, on Grove Avenue, during the night of Nov. 22-23. The owner reported the turkeys missing after he found the door open, in the morning. At the same time he reported that someone had placed a 10 lb bag of potatoes near the front door, and then left them there.

## AUTO ACCIDENT IN WILMINGTON SQUARE

A rear end collision, in Wilmington square, at 5:50 pm Nov. 23rd resulted in no personal injuries. Involved was a car operated by Betty Squeglia, 301 McGrath Highway, Somerville, and one operated by Stephen Langone of Dunton Road, Wilmington.

## AUTO ACCIDENT ON ANDOVER ROAD

Two cars were quite badly damaged, but no personal injuries resulted in an accident on Thanksgiving Day, on Andover Road. The accident occurred about 1:30 p.m., and both cars had their left sides damaged. Driver of a Buick Station Wagon was Vincent L. McDonald, 167 West Street, Lawrence, and driver of a Buick Sedan was Sally Stillman, of Abbot Street, Andover.

## FIND IN WOBURN COURT

Two men paid \$5 fines in Woburn Court, on Nov. 26th, after being found guilty on charges brought by the Wilmington Police. Both men appeared before Judge William Henchey, and both pleaded guilty.

John H. Babanas, of 24 Groton Street, Lowell was fined for operating a car at an excessive rate of speed, having been arrested by Officer George Shepard.

Donald Wilson, 1 John Street, Wilmington was fined for failing to slow down at an intersection, the view being obstructed. He had been arrested by Officer Kelly of the Wilmington Police.

## CENTER SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB

The next meeting of the Center School Mothers' Club will be held at the school on December 1st at 8 P.M.

The Club will hold a Whist Party and Penny Sale on Monday December 6th at 8 P.M. at the West Wilmington Community Club on Forrest. Mrs. Isabelle Pellerin and Mrs. Mollie Steeves will be assisted by Mrs. Ann Bishop and Mrs. Blanche McClure in obtaining prizes for the party.

## DAVID CHINN ON CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND

Chincoteague Island, off the coast of Virginia, famed home of the "wild ponies" which are rounded up each spring for market, is the present station of David Chinn, of Belmont Avenue. He is stationed at the Naval Air Station there. His address is David P. Chinn, AA, USN, VU 4, NAS, Chincoteague Island Virginia.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

The Church Cabinet will meet at the parsonage on Thursday at 8 p.m.

The young people of the Wilmington Council of Churches will hold a dance at the Wildwood School on Saturday at 8 p.m.

The choir will sing Christmas anthems at the service next Sunday morning, Dec. 5th. At 4 p.m., the Fireside Fellowship will visit St. Thomas' Church under the direction of the Rev. Father Croke. Returning to the parish house, they will observe the annual lighting of their Christmas Candle, with a story by Mrs. Cummings of why lighted candles are placed in the windows. The candlelighting will be at 5:30 p.m. The Couples Club will meet in the vestry Sunday night at 8:00, and Edward M. Nichols will be the speaker.

The Center Associates will meet at the parsonage on Tuesday, Dec. 7th, at 8 p.m.

## SILVER TEA SERVICE PRESENTED TO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A fine silver tea service has been presented to the Congregational Church, in memory of Grace and Archie Thurston, former members of the church. The presentation has been made by the executor of their estate, a California man.

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### THE YOUTH SERVICE BOARD

(A talk by Ted Nichols, Middlesex Avenue, before the Wilmington Lions Club, November 24th).

In 1940 the American Law Institute started the germ of the Youth Service Act by formulating a model Youth Correction Act, for the handling of Juvenile Delinquents. This Act was taken up immediately by eight states, Massachusetts being one of the group.

As a result of this we have in Massachusetts the Youth Service Board, with which I am today a Recreation and Athletic Director. The Youth Service Board is charged

with the duty of caring for Delinquent Children, a child between 7 and 17, who violates any city ordinance or town by-law, or commits an offense not punishable by death.

The Youth Service Board of three members, is appointed by the Governor. The members of the Youth Service Board have the responsibility of formulating policies under which the Division of Youth Service operates. They also hear every case involving a child that has been committed to the Youth Service.

Children are committed by the District Judges to the Youth Service Board. He does so only after a child has been adjudged a delinquent, and he never passes any direct sentence on the Youth, who is to be committed. The Youth Service Board passes the sentence, and only after careful study and evaluation of all material gathered on the boy by Social Workers, and other agencies dealing with the boy's welfare.

A child, under 17 years of age, who has been arrested, will be "booked" in the local police station, and then sent to the Detention Center of the Youth Service Board (where I work). He is merely in custody until the next session of the Juvenile Court, in the District in which he was arrested. If the Court should be held next day he will be sent back, or if there is a delay he will be held until the court holds its next session.

The establishment of the Youth Service Board Detention Center was authorized in 1948 by the General Laws of the Commonwealth to become effective upon the organization of the Youth Service Board in 1949. It was not officially opened until June 1, 1951. The purpose of the law enacted by Massa-

chusetts was the protection and care of children not as criminals but as children in the need of aid, encouragement and guidance.

The general aims of Detention Center is to protect the juvenile offenders from contamination by the seasoned criminals they would meet in jails. We seek to avoid emotional shock to the young impressionable mind through transfer from his home atmosphere to an impersonal, rigidly disciplinary institution without emotional support and with sudden and complete repression of freedom.

We seek to avoid reinforcement of the offender's hostile attitude toward law and order, and their representatives. We provide a temporary home for those who have no home, or whose home conditions are unwholesome and hazardous. We provide safekeeping in cases where running away from jurisdiction procedure and its consequences might be expected.

To these aims have been added clinical and social study of the offender and his background in order to assist the Judge and Probation Officer in determining appropriate treatment and reform.

The main reasons why a boy will be committed to the Detention Center are: Police Officer arrest; Probation Officer arrest; Court custody cases; Probation Department investigation while making arrangements to return runaways, Cases pending appeal, and cases which call for clinical diagnostic study.

The clinical staff includes a psychologist, a psychomotrist, and a group of social workers, who operate as a team, on each clinical case. For instance, say a Judge has a boy before him, and he feels that there is a serious emotional problem, behind the boy's behavior. He will send the boy to the Detention Center, for a clinical study, which takes three weeks. At the end of that time the recommendations of the findings of the Board will be returned to the Judge.

The Judge, then, can make a more rational decision on the disposal of the case. He may decide that the boy needs to be committed to the Youth Service Board, or that the boy might benefit by probation, or placement in a foster-home.

If the boy is sent to the Youth Service Board, he is sent first to the Reception Center at the Lyman

School for Boys, in Westboro. Here, if no clinical study has been made previously, one will be made. Usually this the boy is interviewed by the three members of the Youth Service Board, all highly qualified persons, and these members then decide what procedure shall be used to best benefit the boy.

He can be sent to one of the institutions—we have three, Lyman School for Boys, the Shirley Industrial School for Boys, and the Institute for Juvenile Guidance, or to a foster-home, or to a private school.

The Lyman School is an open training school for the younger and less severe type of cases. The Shirley School is for the older boys whose case are more severe in nature. The Institute for Juvenile Guidance is a maximum security unit, where the very serious delinquent boys are sent. These are the boys that the Board feels would endanger the public, if they were placed in any other type of institution.

The Institute for Juvenile Guidance is in Bridgewater, and the boys who are sent there are the kind who would try to escape from other places, among other things. The Board feels that if they are prevented from escaping, more can be done for them, in the line of rehabilitation, and that on the contrary, escapes will do more harm than good to the boy.

The Detention Center, where I work, is located at 105 South Huntington Avenue, in Boston. Here we have professionally trained personnel, for the boys, who number on an average between 25 and 30. We have a complete psychiatric staff, group workers, and supervisors on our team. Each boy has an individual room, and the boys are divided into two groups, one from 7 to 14, and the other 15 to 17. There is a school for the younger boys, the teacher being provided by the Boston School Committee, and the older boys participate in Arts and Crafts, where they take up wood working, metal working, painting and leather working. Their classes, in either case, are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

There is a well equipped medical center, with a registered nurse on duty. There is a large gymnasium, and a reading room. We have an out-door ball field and playground, weekly movies, of the non-violent type, and excellent food. Both the staff and the boys eat in the same cafeteria, from the same menu. Each boy receives as much individualized treatment as is possible, depending on the size of the group. Sometimes, when the group gets up to thirty in number it is pretty

hard to have individualized treatment for each boy.

The five major offences that we receive at the Detention Center, are Delinquent Child, Larceny, Run-away, Stubborn Child, and Breaking and Entering. We also get cases of Assault and Battery, or Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, and other violent types of crimes, youths who are awaiting trial. Some of these boys may be in our custody for a few hours, and others may be there for several weeks.

Within a year we will be transferred to a new Reception and Detention Center, in Mattapan, now being built, at the cost of about \$1 million.



### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

November 23, 1954  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Larz Neilson, Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you very much for the Weekly Wilmington Crusader during my boot training.

Even though there has been a change of address the Navy has seen to it that I still receive my paper. The first day I reported to my new duty station the Chief interviewing me said: "Just one moment, Miss Guiffre, I have mail for you", and he handed me the Crusader. After that I felt much at ease and at home.

Please continue my favorite newspaper, and mail the Crusader to my new address. Lillian Guiffre, SA 919158, WAVES Barracks, US Naval Base Receiving Station, Philadelphia 12, Pennsylvania. Happy Thanksgiving, and Merry Christmas.

Lillian Guiffre

Dear Lillian: Don't forget, it isn't only the Crusader, behind this. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Gildart's Chevrolet Company are helping to pay the bill, too! Hope your Christmas is Merry, too! Ed.

### RICHARD MARTELL JOINS ARMY

Richard Martell of Glen Road has joined the Regular Army, and is now in training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. His address is Pvt. Richard Martell, RA 12463118, Co M, 272nd Inf. Regt., 69th Inf. Div. Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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The general public as well as all chinchilla breeders are invited for the day. A small admission will be charged and a snack bar will be open for the convenience of all.

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The Registry has provided more than 26 branch offices scattered throughout the state from Hyannis to North Adams to give this over-the-counter service, and we are asking motorists to take advantage of it.

**BOARD OF APPEALS GRANTS  
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The Board of Appeals, on Nov. 23rd., granted a variance on lot lines, for four house lots in the Signore development in North Wilmington. The lots were all 61 22-500 square feet or over, but some did not have the dimensions as required by the new Zoning Laws.

Anthony Signore, appearing for himself, told the Board that the lots were so planned so as to allow for an additional entrance into Elmwood Village. The additional entrance will be located between the two first homes built there, and will eventually end on Ballardvale Road. It will be 55 feet wide, and was requested by the Wilmington Planning Board, and the Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department.

There were no opponents at the hearing.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Larz Neilson  
Box 506  
Wilmington, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The Planning Board wishes to correct any misinterpretation resulting from a news article in last week's Crusader entitled "Wrangle At The Planning Board Meeting".

The article referred to "the loud tones that were being used by some of those present" without indicating that those "loud tones" came entirely from one person who heaped verbal abuse individually and collectively upon the Board and its members until he provoked a vigorous protest from Mr. Robert Maserve, a member of the Board.

For the record, there was no "wrangle" among the Planning Board Members.

Mr. Meserve left the meeting after first giving warning of his intentions to do so if the unwarranted verbal attack upon the Board did not cease - a fact which the Crusader failed to mention. In fact, after Mr. Meserve left the meeting, it was necessary for another member of the Board to give notice of his intention to leave before the shouting subsided.

Very truly yours,  
John A. Ritchie

For the Planning Board.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nov. 17, 1954

Chuncheon, Korea

Radio Station "Rambler"

Dear Larz,  
I've been intending to write to you ever since I began to receive my "Crusader" many months ago, but things have been happening so fast over here and I've been so busy that I've never been able to do so until now.

I want to thank you and all the generous and thoughtful people of Wilmington who make it possible for me to receive the "Crusader". As many others before me have testified, there's nothing more precious to a serviceman away from home than news from there and your paper certainly provides an abundance of that commodity.

I was recently the editor of an Army newspaper here in Korea and as a result of the experience I can now appreciate more fully the work and skill that is necessary to produce a decent paper. The one I worked with was also a weekly publication by the way.

The Wilmington Mirror truly became a new newspaper when it changed its name to the Crusader. The reason for this was not merely the change of name but rather the honest interest you took to build and maintain the high standards of newspaper work it exemplifies. You should be very proud of the

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Over her in Korea the newspaper is the most important source of news to both the Korean people and the American Forces. Most battalions and certainly every division has their own press or, a reasonable facsimile, and in addition we're all able to receive the Army's Stars and Stripes. As you might suspect, the Korean people do not have the number or the quantity of newspapers we in the Army have (well, certainly not proportionately, anyway) but to my surprise they are a highly literate people and the demand for literature by them is great.

I've got a new job with Uncle Sam's Army now and one which I like very much. When I first came in the service, I was trained to be a combat engineer but when I arrived here in Korea, the engineer battalion I joined gave me the job as editor of their paper and I also taught school. I've now with the American Forces Korea Network (A.F. and N.) working as an announcer on radio. So far I've been very satisfied with my duties since I've managed to be placed in work I enjoy and have studied to perform. Of course radio is relatively new to me, since although I worked over at WCRB in Waltham a while, I had never announced before. As a result of my move I've a new address:

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I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Say "hello" to old Wilmington for me. I'll be back in Oct. '55.

Very sincerely,  
Bob Pipes

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# TOWN NOTES

## PARKING LOT

We have noted that Altman's Market has a sign in their parking lot which tells the motorist the use of the lot is restricted to customers. It seems that the customers were unable to get in there, because of the all day parkers. Now it seems to be different.

## CIVIL DEFENSE

The Roman House has had a new story added to the building. The "shack" for the Ground Observer Corps personnel was swung into place, up on the Widow's Walk, Saturday. A big seventy-five foot motor crane was used. Now the volunteer observers can at least be somewhat protected from the elements.

## NORTH CHURCH FUND

We note that the pupils of the Wilmington Public Schools donated a total of \$57.80 towards the rebuilding of the old North Church Steeple, in Boston—you know—"One if by land, and two if by sea, and I on the opposite shore will be."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Larz Neilson, Editor  
The Wilmington Crusader

Dear Sir:

It would seem to me that you have made an error, in your story about the Betterment Act, in this past week's Crusader. You have portrayed me as giving an outright or nearly outright approval, without discussion, of the Betterment Act.

What I told Mr. Courtney was that I believed in the Betterment Act, and always had, but that I felt it was something that should be first voted by the town.

I trust that you will give this letter equal prominence in the Crusader as you did the story you originally printed.

Yours very truly

Mrs. Wavie M. Drew  
Selectman of Wilmington

## TOWN HALL WANTS HURRICANE PICTURES

The Wilmington Town Hall wants to get pictures of the damage from the hurricanes, of 1954. The pictures are wanted for the 1954 annual report. Anyone having pictures thought to be capable of reproduction in the Town Report is asked to bring the picture to the Town Manager's Secretary, John Ingalls.

## TOWN HALL OPEN SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS

Readers of the Crusader are reminded that the Town Hall is open for all regular business on the sec-

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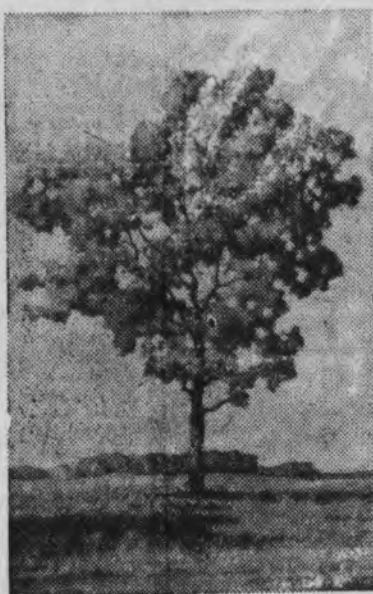
Here is a tree that is probably mistaken for an elm by many. In general shape it resembles an elm though this may vary considerably. It is frequently grown as a street tree being planted alternately with elms. At a distance the amateur might notice little difference.

Hackberties grow to a height of 120 feet but are usually shorter than this. The trunk may be 4 feet in diameter. It is the bark that usually gives the tree away as not being an elm. As the name implies the bark seems to be hacked into small warty ridges without the graceful long grooves characteristic of the American elm. The bark is usually light gray in color.

The leaves of hackberry are placed alternately on the twigs. As in the elms their bases are uneven with the lobe back from the tip of the twig being the fuller of the two. The margins of hackberry leaves are finely toothed, being much more so than in the elms. The leaves are to 4 inches long and to 2 inches wide.

Hackberry twigs are reddish brown and usually more slender than are those of elms. They tend to be zigzag rather than straight and in winter bear buds whose tips are pressed closely to the twig. When split lengthwise the twigs show a pith with a series of cross-walls in it.

Hackberries bear their flowers in early spring. They may bear either stamens or pistils or both stamens and pistils. If they bear one or the other, flowers of each kind will be found on the same tree. The fruits are cherry-like in appearance and may not be borne in abundance each year. The flesh is less abundant than one would ordinarily find in a cherry and the pit is unusually large. The fruits are edible, orange brown to purple and sweet tasting. They become ripe in September but may remain on the tree through the winter un-



less they are harvested by birds. The fruits are borne singly in the axils of the leaves. Where found in numbers they were eaten and relished by the Indians.

Hackberries range through most of the United States except for eastern New England and the Southwest. They seem to be most common east of the Dakota-Kansas area. The presence of hackberries in much of their present range is due to their being planted for use as shade trees.

The wood is of little value when compared with that of elms or oaks. The leaves are often covered with a powery mildew in late season and the twigs often form clusters of "witches brooms" due to a fungus infection. However their neat close bark and straight trunks makes hackberries popular as street trees.—E. Laurence Palmer

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Tunney is now, and will continue, to carry a line of all new furniture that will include such famous names as, Maple, by Puritan, Bedroom sets by Bassett, Living room sets by Diamondcraft and Lawson, Mattresses by Slumberland and Gold Cross and many other Nationally advertised names. There is also a fashionable line of modern sectional furniture, in wood or

wrought iron. You will also find, Kitchen sets in chrome, wood, and wrought iron that are in many patterns to select from.

If it's a refrigerator, or an end table, a washing machine, floor lamps or a pair of table lamps, you will find these and many more items to choose from. There is hardly an item in household furniture that the store doesn't carry. Don't let your Christmas shopping go by without dropping into the Warehouse Store where you will find many ideas in beautiful gift furniture.

One thing to be remembered, is that the store will be open throughout its renovation so that it may serve Christmas shoppers during the holiday season.

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anyone in the store that's going to have the new look, and stands behind its motto, "A high quality, with a low price."

### D.A.V. NEWS

At the last meeting the following activities for the month of December were made: Next whist party and penny sale will be held at the club house, 60 Grove avenue on Saturday evening, December 4. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Hospital day has been set for Sunday, December 5. Gifts will be distributed to the patients at the Soldiers' Home in Chelmsford by the William Tattersall Chapter, 106, Disabled American Veterans, and the Auxiliary on this date.

On Thursday evening, December 9, the next regular meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. The Christmas party for members and guests will be held at this time. Everyone must bring along a 50c gift wrapped for exchange by Santa Claus.

Tuesday evening, December 14,

is the date set for the Christmas turkey gift whist party to be held at the club house at 60 Grove avenue. All members are asked to donate prizes pertaining to Christmas. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited. The childrens Christmas party, under the joint sponsorship of the DAV Chapter and Auxiliary will be held at the club house on Sunday afternoon, December 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. This party is for the children of the members and Santa will be on hand to distribute gifts, candy, ice cream, etc. to them all.

### SIGNORE TURNED DOWN BY PLANNING BOARD

The plan of Elmwood Village, as proposed by Anthony Signore, of Saugus, for the development of the Harriman Estate, has been turned down by the Wilmington Planning Board. The Board had until Dec. 2nd to either vote acceptance or rejection, but voted earlier because of information received from the Wilmington Board of Health. Information from that Board was

that the proposed plans were unacceptable to the Health Board, and that they had voted adversely, "but without prejudice."

(Voting "without prejudice" means that Signore is free to again submit plans, corrected in the details to which the Board of Health has objected, which plans will be considered by the proper officials as though there had never been a rejection.)

### HENRY FILIPPONE SHIFTED TO GREAT LAKES

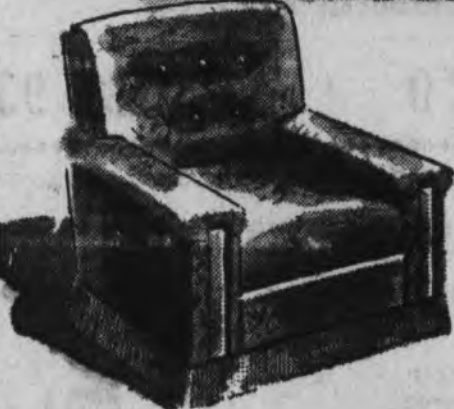
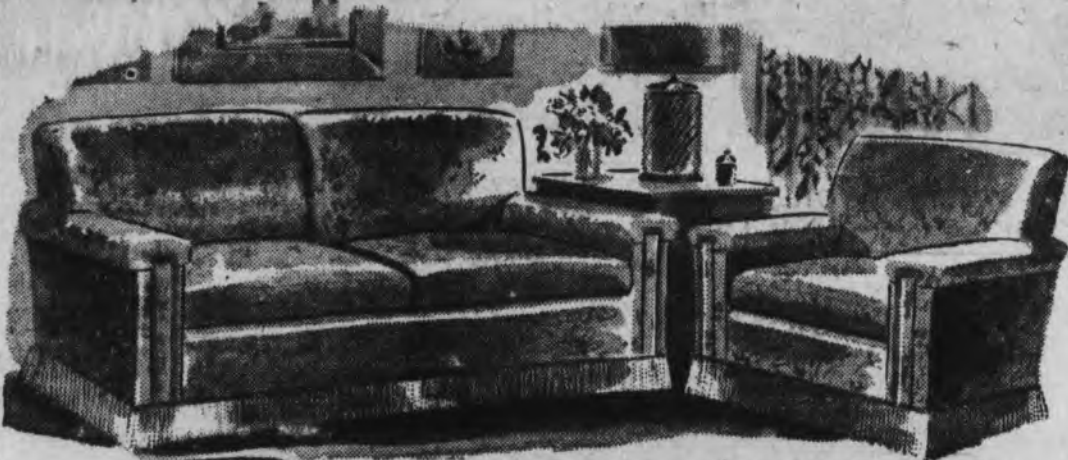
Pvt. Henry Filippone, of Hopkins street, has been transferred to the Great Lakes Training Station, from Parris Island. His latest address is Pvt. Henry A. Filippone, USMC, Marine Barracks 406, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Illinois.

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## CDA NEWS

The annual Christmas Gift Whist of the CDA will be held at Villanova Hall the night of Dec. 7 at 8:30 P.M. Tickets are on sale now at 75 cents each and may be obtained from any of the following committee members: Mrs. Margaret Woods OL 8-4422, Mrs. John Hartnett OL 8-4757, Mrs. Estelle Shelly, Mrs. Jean Amaro, Mrs. Kay Downing, Mrs. Doris Haggerty, Mrs. May Quandt, Mrs. Evelyn Doucette, Mrs. Isabelle Foley, Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, Mrs. Irene Rogers, Mrs. Mildred Tautges, Mrs. Helen Babine, Mrs. Elizabeth Blaisdell and Mrs. Mary Woods.

Many attractive prizes will be awarded the winners. Refreshments will be served and the public is cordially invited.

## IT'S A BOY

Mrs. and Mrs. William Simmons of Middlesex Avenue are the proud parents of a baby boy, Frank William, born at Winchester Hospital on Nov. 18. The Simmons have a son Robert and a daughter, Caroline. Mr. Simmons is past-commander of the Wilmington VFW post.

## Prep School Plans Party

The Prep School for Small Fry located on Shawshen Avenue under the supervision of Miss Olivia Norcross, have started making Christmas gifts for their parents and will present them in person at a special Christmas party in December to which the proud mothers and fathers will be invited. Miss Norcross announces that two of her young students have moved from Wilmington and that she can now accommodate two more children between the ages of 4 and 6. The Prep School, as its name implies, prepares the children for the first grade in elementary school. For further details call Miss Norcross at OL 8-2094.

## Home for Thanksgiving

Joseph Grinley of Woburn Street returned from Sidney, Nova Scotia in time to spend Thanksgiving with his family. Mr. Grinley transported 11 horses from Harrisburg, Pa. to Sidney by truck. These were all trotters sold at the annual horse sale in Harrisburg which is attended by horse fanciers from all parts of the United States and Canada.

## Girl Scout News

The next meeting of the Girl Scout Leaders will be held at the home of Mrs. Thomas O'Hare, 20 Hathaway Road on Monday, Dec. 6 at 8 P.M. Mrs. O'Hare was recently elected President of the Girl Scout Leaders, and Mrs. William Long was elected District Chairman. Anyone with questions pertaining to girl scout activities in Wilmington should call Mrs. Long at OL 8-3798.

Others elected to office are: Mrs. Tex Hancock, Publicity Director (OL 8-3024); Mrs. Robert Robinson, Neighborhood Chairman for the Lake and Shawshen Avenue district (OL 8-2207); Mrs. Keough, Neighborhood Chairman for the Wilmington Center District (OL 8-3003); and Miss Winifred Richardson, Neighborhood Chairman for the North Wilmington district (OL 8-2215).

## Roller Skating Available

Special arrangements are being made to provide transportation by bus for all teen agers interested in roller skating. The Hi-Hat Rollerway in Lowell, where Wilmington Girl Scouts are currently earning their skating badges, will as-

sume half of the cost if a sufficient number of youngsters are interested in participating. The cost to each youngster would be 50 cents a round trip plus 60 cents admission to the Rollerway. Skates can be rented for 25 cents by those who do not have their own. A total of 44 participants is required. Those wishing to sign up should call Mrs. Tex Hancock at OL 8-3024 or Mrs. Whitney of the Rollerway at GLenview 3-1500.

## "Littlest Angel" on Dec. 8

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 8, at 3:30 at the Methodist Church, Mrs. Kenneth Wilson and children of the Suncrest School of Creative Dramatics will present "The Littlest Angel," a beautiful Christmas story by Charles Tazewells and specially adapted for the theatre by Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. E. Hayward Bliss will be in charge of music for the performance.

The cast includes: Narrator, Eugenia Emery; Littlest Angel, Karla Sommers; Gatekeeper, Ann Richardson; Heavenly Choir (two cherubs) Donna Cuoco and Star Hill; Second Angel, Patricia Trull; Third Angel, Janet Dingwell; Choir: Nancy Cutter, Virginia Babine, Cheryl Carpenter, Diana Imbimbo; Summoning Angel, Patricia Browne; Understanding Angel, Judith Condrey; Representative of God, Susan Healy; Nativity Scene: Mary, Ruth Sussenberger; Joseph, Donna May; Soloist, Mary Jane Harrington. Adult Chorale: members of the Methodist Church and St. Thomas Church choirs.

## Mothers Club News

The Mothers Club of the Whitefield School will hold their next meeting on Monday night, Dec. 6 in the cafeteria of the Whitefield School at 8 P.M. Mothers are asked to bring a gift costing no more than 50 cents for the Christmas party that night. A special supper is planned in the way of refreshments and will be served during the social hour which follows a short business meeting. A special invitation has been extended the faculty of the Whitefield School.

## It's A Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall of Woburn Street announce the birth of a son at the Melrose Hospital on Nov. 26. Mr. Marshall is a fireman with the Wilmington Fire Dept.

## Brownie Troop 107 News

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 107 enjoyed a cook-out Saturday at the home of their leader, Mrs. O'Hare of Hathaway Road. Asst. Leader, Mrs. Ted Sutton assisted. Those present were: Trudie O'Hare, Donna Blakeslee, Donna Sutton, Mary Ann Bradley, Nancy Hall, Patti Fiori, Debbie Newell and Susan Zemaetes.

## Libby - Manning Wedding

Miss Mabel A. Libby, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Barrett of Morse Avenue, Wilmington, became the bride of William J. Manning of Somerville, before the altar of St. Thomas Church, on Sunday afternoon at 3 P.M. Father Croke officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, James Barrett. She wore a suit of light blue gabardine with matching accessories and carried a bouquet of white chrisanthemums.

Mrs. Elizabeth Downs, close friend of the bride, was her Matron of Honor. She wore a navy

blue gabardine suit with pink accessories and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

David Cochran of Wilmington, step-brother of the groom, was Best Man. Ushers were Harry Latta of Wilmington, brother-in-law of the groom, James Byrne of Somerville and Edward Roche of Boston.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Levaggi's in Reading where a wedding supper was served. The bride and groom left by motor for Washington, D.C. They will make their home on Middle Street in Reading upon their return.

The bride grew up in Wilmington and is a graduate of Wilmington High School. She is employed by the Employers Liability Insurance Company in Boston. The groom is a native of Newfoundland and recently became a citizen of the United States. He is a professional fisherman aboard the trawler Pan Ann.

## Famous Godfather

David Charles O'Rourke, who was Christened at St. Thomas Sunday is a boy with a famous Godfather, none other than Charles "Chuck" O'Rourke, coach at the Massachusetts University. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis O'Rourke of Birchwood Road, up in the shady Lane sector, and his Godfather is his uncle.

## NOVEMBER BUILDING PERMITS

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National Polychemicals, Inc., 3 Manufacturing Buildings, Eames Street, \$75,000  
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Walter P. Kiesel, Dwelling, Lot 77-82 Corey Avenue, \$8,500  
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William F. Butt, Dwelling, Lot 49, Pleasant Road, \$10,000  
Charles A. Landry, Dwelling, 17 Fay Street, \$9,500  
Arthur Cote, Dwelling, Lot 7 Powder House Circle, \$10,000

## DEATH OF MOTHER OF WILMINGTON FIRE CHIEF

Mrs. Georgiana C. Boudreau, 71, of Everett, mother of Wilmington's Fire Chief Arthur Boudreau died in a Stoneham hospital Sunday, shortly after being stricken with a heart attack. Mrs. Boudreau had been riding in Stoneham with her husband, Atty. John Boudreau at the time of the attack. Funeral services were held this morning, in Everett, with interment in the Holy Cross cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, and children, Arthur, Mrs. Florence Goldsmith and John B. Boudreau, Jr. both of Wakefield, and Mrs. Charlotte Barron and Mrs. Catherine Longo, both of Everett. There are 13 grandchildren.

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